

Troopers Investigate Serious Crash

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Claymont- Delaware State Police have investigated a serious motor vehicle crash which occurred early this morning that has left a Wilmington man in critical condition.

The investigation has determined that the incident happened at approximately 1:00 a.m. this morning, Friday, December 16, 2016, as Frederick Keyton, 52, was operating a 2000 Toyota Camry, and was traveling in a southbound direction on I-495 approaching Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. Keyton's vehicle then veered off of the roadway to the right where it struck a guardrail and entered a wooded area, overturning onto its roof.

Keyton, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle, was trapped in the wreckage which became engulfed in flames. He was subsequently extricated from the car by responding personnel from the Claymont Fire Company. He was then treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics before being flown by Delaware State Police Aviation (Trooper 4) to the Christiana Hospital where he was admitted in critical condition. Keyton was cited by troopers with driving under the influence of alcohol.

All of the southbound lanes of I-495 were closed for approximately 45 minutes as the crash was being investigated. It remained partially closed for another 45 minutes as the crash was being cleared.

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